



Attorney's Docket No. 3552.05

COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

TYPE OF DECLARATION

This declaration is of the following type:

 X original
 design
 substitution
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 continuation
 continuation-in-part (CIP)

INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) on the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

TITLE OF INVENTION

SUCTION VALVE

SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

the specification of which: (complete (a) or (b))

- (a) is attached hereto.
- (b) X was filed on April 3, 2002, as
Application Serial No. 10/114,356.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations 1.56(a). I further acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations 1.56(a), which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificates having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s), if applicable:			Priority Claimed
<u>Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Day/Mo./Yr. Filed</u>	Yes No

POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are

punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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